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DATE: October 27, 2020  
 TO: CBJ Assembly  
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 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High-** Operational Period 24 (10/15/2020 – 10/29/2020)

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity	The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found <a href="#">here</a> or by going to <a href="#">Juneau.org/COVID-19</a>
<b>Level 3 - High</b>	Community spread based cases are occurring at an increasing rate and the unsheltered/vulnerable population cluster is growing.	The hospital case load is stable.	Contact tracing efforts are constrained due to the nature and volume of cases.	

**Situation Assessment:** Our overall number of positive cases are climbing compared to previous weeks. Our 7 and 14 day case rate indicators are in the very high alert level range. The disease is transferring within the unsheltered cluster and by community spread among other populations, and contact tracing is impaired due to caseloads and the nature of contacts required. Residents must take appropriate cautions, including limiting social bubbles to immediate family members.

**Issues of Note:**

The EOC raised the alert level in the Public Health Capacity risk category to High. Due to increasing case positivity across the state, our local Public Health office is seeing a delay in the reporting of COVID positive test results from private providers and testing facilities other than ones done through CCFR. Positive test results from those sources report first to the statewide collection points versus our locally run operations which report directly to local public health officials. The individuals who test positive are being notified directly from providers but notification to local Public Health is lagging. The EOC is working on a communication strategy to encourage individuals who are notified that they tested positive to contact local Public Health officials directly.

Of the 91 active cases, 22 are active within the vulnerable/unsheltered population cluster. Case activity outside of the cluster is significant, particularly around family and social gatherings. The CBJ EOC urges residents to refrain from indoor, unmasked gatherings and limit social bubbles to immediate family members.

The EOC continues to manage Centennial Hall as an isolation support center. 7 of the 11 individuals who were in isolation have been released. We have at least 1 new positive case out of the round of testing that was conducted on 10/23. Test results from that effort are just beginning to come in and we anticipate the continued use of Centennial Hall. Another round of testing will occur on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>.

We went live with Fulgent labs today. There were some hiccups in the data portal early this morning but those appear to be resolved. The first batch of tests will be sent to Fulgent tonight. We will closely monitor turnaround times and hope to see an increase in timeliness.

**Daily Numbers Report:**

We are reporting 14 new cases today

COVID-19 In Juneau				
	Active	Recovered	Deceased	Cumulative
Resident	89	382	3	474
Non Resident	2	102	0	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>578</b>

Note: CBJ EOC data may differ from the data reported on the State of Alaska dashboard due to lags in data entry on the state level.

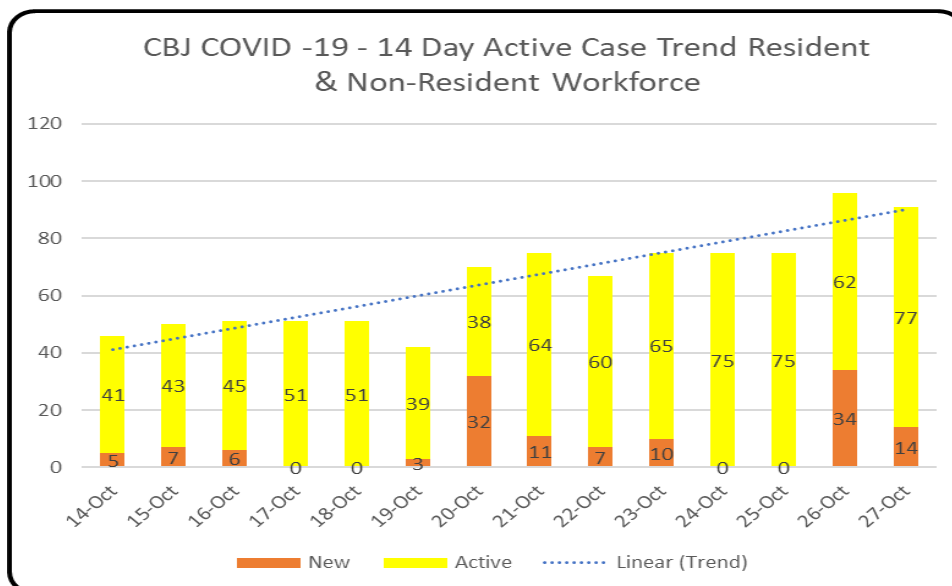
Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

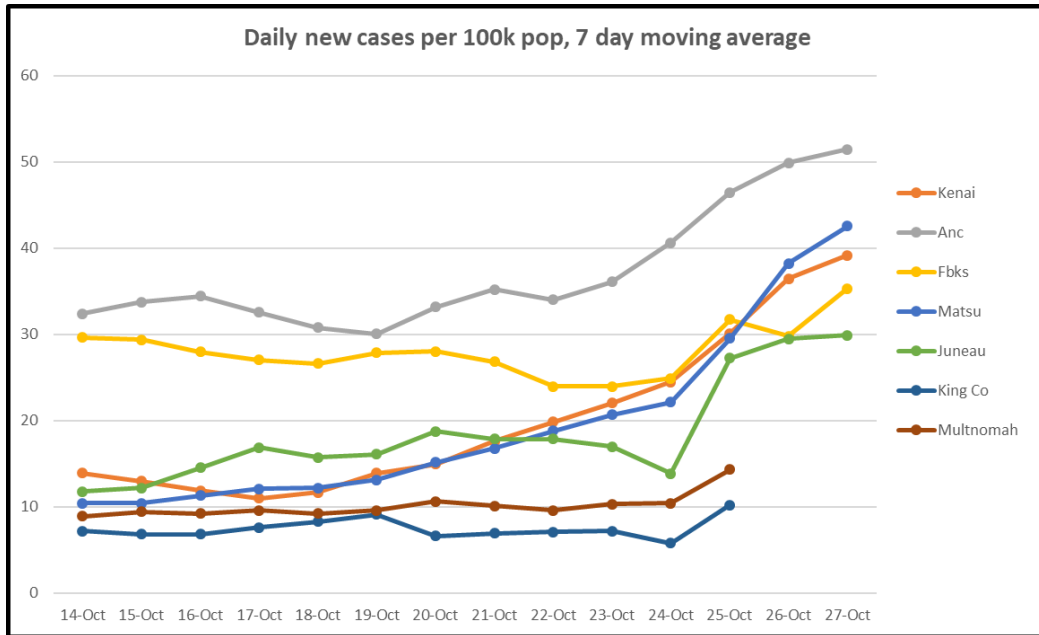
Public Health is attributing two of the new cases to out-of-state travel, one to secondary transmission, and the rest are under investigation.

Of the new cases, two are linked to other cases among Juneau’s vulnerable/unsheltered population, bringing that cluster total to 79 so far. Within the cluster, 57 have recovered. The cluster includes family members, friends, individuals who work for a social service organization, and those who live with someone who works for one of these agencies.

The State of Alaska is reporting 381 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative case count to 14,798.

Testing: 41 test results were received with collection dates between 10/19/2020 - 10/22/2020. This represents a 4 – 7 day turnaround time. Most tests returned within 4-5 days.





This chart tracks the number of new cases in the past 7 days, controlled for population. King County (Seattle) and Multnomah County (Portland) are included for context and due to travel frequency. The source data for Alaska is from the SOA dashboard. Out of state data is from the Harvard Global Health Institute (<https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>) and generally lags a day behind most of our other reporting. Policy recommendations at varying levels (<1, <10, <25, 25+) can be found on their website